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I am very disappointed in the settlement agreed upon between the DOJ and Microsoft. Where is justice being served except to benefit the Government. This settlement is nothing more than slap on the hand for Microsoft and a punch in the gut to consumers. In any other industry these similar practices would incite the government to break up the company.

The SEC prevents mergers between companies based upon the benefits to consumers using a method that evidently does not hold up in a court of law. The market share that Microsoft holds is easily enough to be called a Monopoly. Even the lower courts ruled that Microsoft was a Monopoly and the ruling was held up in the appeals courts.

Please tell me how a fine is going to prevent Microsoft from being a monopoly.

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